



Roma "Frankie" McFarren

June 5, 1924 - February 9, 2019

Roma E. "Frankie" McFarren, 94, of Bluffton, passed away on Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2019, at Christian Care Retirement Community in Bluffton.

Frankie was born on June 5, 1924 in Melbourne, Australia to Ernest & Evelyn (Trickey) Frankland. She graduated from Mc Robertson Girls School in 1938 and graduated from Metropolitan College in 1940. Frankie worked as office manager at RSM Color Lab in Bluffton, Walter W. Bierberich, and Bennet Learning Center. She retired as an administrative assistant with Three Rivers Literacy Alliance in 2001.

Frankie was a life-long church member, holding many leadership positions and singing in the choir and playing bells. She is currently a member of the Bluffton First Church of Christ. Frankie served as a state officer for Tri Kappa and was a member of the Bayview Reading Club. She volunteered with the Mental Health Association, The American Red Cross, and Bluffton Regional Medical Center and was both a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader.

Frankie and Robert W. McFarren were married on May 6, 1944 in Melbourne, Australia; he preceded her in death on June 3, 2001.

Survivors include her children: Sue Manning of Fort Wayne, Diana

(George)Wood of Indianapolis, and Gary (Rhonda) McFarren of Keystone and grandchildren Dr. Kim Allen of Indianapolis, Chad (Peggy)Allen of Indianapolis, Dr. George (Jennifer) Manning of Ft. Wayne, Meredith (Elbert) Starks of Ft. Wayne, Rob McFarren of Phoenix, AZ and Joe (Heather) McFarren of Liberty Center. Her six greatgrandchildren include Isaac Allen, Gabe Starks, Nathan Starks, Sydney McFarren, Sarah McFarren, and Anna McFarren. Frankie has many nieces and nephews in the U.S.A. and Australia.

She is preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Fred Frankland, Victor Frankland, and Sidney Frankland, all of Melbourne, Australia.

A service to celebrate Frankie's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, February 15, 2019, at the First Church of Christ in Bluffton. Pastor Brandon Kelley will officiate. Calling Hours will be held from 5 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a Tri Kappa Memorial Service for Frankie at 8 P.M. on Thursday at the funeral home, at the conclusion of calling hours. Memorials may be made to the First Church of Christ Mission Fund. Burial will take place at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

FEB 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Church of Christ
909 W Spring St
Bluffton, IN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roma "Frankie" McFarren*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 14, 2019 at 05:36 PM

PC

“ *PhotoPro Coworker lit a candle in memory of Roma "Frankie" McFarren*



PhotoPro Coworker - January 17, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Roma "Frankie" McFarren*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ *Rhonda, just read of your mom's passing. So sorry to hear of this! I do hope you and your family are doing well. She must have been some lady, as I thought a great deal of you, loved talking with you..if I remember right, you were a very nice Christian lady. Take care and God bless.*

Diana Sell - April 24, 2019 at 10:39 PM

CK

“ I just read in the christian Care newsletter that your mom passed away. I know in some ways it is a blessing but still a sad time. I have many good memories coming to your house to play with SAM and your mom was always so lady like and kind. Thanks for the good memories/ Carol Klopfenstein

Carol J Klopfenstein - March 14, 2019 at 10:04 AM

BO

“ Thinking of your family and prayers. My mother, Lucy Fair, counted Frankie as a dear, dear friend.

boswalt@swraiders.com - February 15, 2019 at 01:46 PM



“ I will truly miss her and our special conversations. Frankie's stories were the best but her heart was better! Until we meet again!!!!

Leann Nash - February 14, 2019 at 08:43 PM

NL

“ So sorry to hear of Frankie's passing. I enjoyed my little talks with her in the halls at Christian Care. She was a sweet lady and always a sharp dresser.

Sincerely

Nancy Morrissey-Leitz

Nancy Leitz - February 14, 2019 at 08:31 PM

Nancy Halstead

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. May your memories and Love of her sustain you and bring you peace. We have fond remembrances of your Parents And family growing up in Bluffton. Carol Reusser Foltz, Fishers, IN & Nancy Reusser Halstead, Carlsbad, CA



Nancy Halstead - February 14, 2019 at 04:57 PM

DO

“ I am so sorry that I will not be able to come to the viewing for your Mom! Unfortunately I am in the hospital with pneumonia! I have such great and lasting memories of your Mom. She was like a second "mom" to me in high school. I remember spending much time at the McFarren house. I remember how she always called Danny and I "Bubbles and Squeak"! Oh, the fun we had at the McFarren mansion on Main Street! Such great, great memories! You have my deepest sympathy, prayers and love!

Diane Owen - February 14, 2019 at 02:52 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know her well, but do know she was a sweet lady. Prayers for the family at this time of grief.

Kathy Gardner - February 14, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roma "Frankie" McFarren.



February 13, 2019 at 05:54 PM

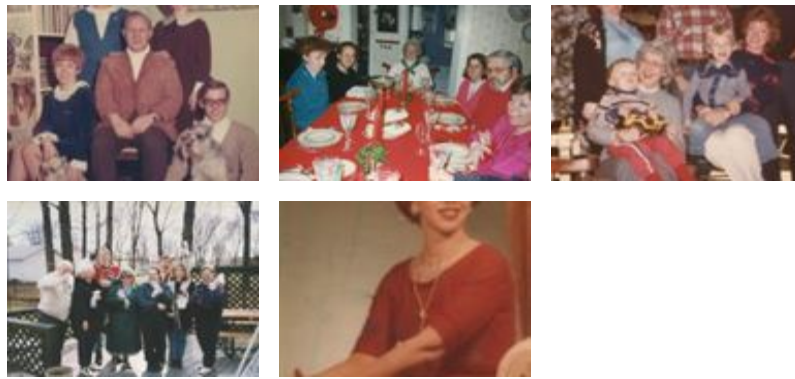
CD

“ *Family of Frankie,
Frankie was always a sweet bubbly loving person to talk to at church. May your sweet memories and faith bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*

Cindy and Jerry Dillon - February 13, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *88 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - February 13, 2019 at 08:56 AM

JR

“ *I remember Frankie from the First UMC church. She was always a delight. You had her in your lives for many years.
Jo Ann Record*

Jo Ann Record - February 11, 2019 at 03:01 PM